

from Hugh Pugh



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Dear Mr May

Yours of the 26 -

reached me yesterday. - Long &
confidential as was my inter-
course with our beloved friends
in Park St. I have no knowledge
of the "facts" you mention, & yet
that there may be some foundation for
the report of your informant is
probable; - only in the motives
ascribed to Mr. E. - on these I am
sure he is mistaken - else would
not that daughter so fondly
revere that tender & loving
father; the most painful part
of your doubts may be relieved, -
yet I may say, that sacrifices are
made by Miss E. of which Mr. E.
has not the faintest idea, so

entirely is her life swallowed
up in his, - so full is her self-
sacrifice, - where he is concerned,

While with them it was often
a question with me whether,
considering the long standing
of their peculiar relationship
& the state of mind of each, it
was well to attempt to disturb
it, though on many accounts
it might have seemed well
that Mr. E. should more fully
understand his dependence on
his daughter. I much doubted
too the possibility of his realizing
^{this dependence}
it - so long has he been accus-
tomed to consider their relation
in an opposite light. - You mention
another attack of paralysis, this
would only strengthen the
fictitious claim; - the response to
which would be, increased

renunciation, for never did I
know a life more singly devoted
to duty than that of Miss E:
whether her view of what that
may require - does not lead to too
great an abnegation of self is
a question - which I would gladly
talk over with you. - My present
plans do not lead me to Boston
very soon - but I hope we may
meet in N.Y. in May. - When I
do I should be happy to talk
the "facts" over with you. Mean-
while I do not feel as though I
could further enlighten you
on the subject which to me, as
to you has come as a painful
probability - in some of its com-
plicated parts. - How many
things are there to keep the best
of persons from perfectly under-
standing one another - when to
do so would conduce to the
happiness of all parties.

They are happy to know that
Parker Pillsbury - for whom we
are so much interested - is in so
good quarters, - for I doubt not
that they are not only pleased
but "grateful" to have him in
Park St. - for they deeply love
such Americans as he - and
try to impress it upon them that
they can minister unto them "better"
"than not." - They anxiously await
the next accounts - for how can
he be spared to the cause? With
much regret the Ex. Com. of our
Am. Recol. at its last Mtg. the resig-
nation of C. M. Burleigh - as Editor
of the Freeman. All his friends
concur in the importance of entire-
rest for him - for a time.

Yours - dear Mr. May, with
true regard

Sarah Pugh

I am glad you have secured copies of
those Daguerrian of Mr & Miss E. - I was
with them when they were taken the day before
Mr. E's illness - How incessantly he labored that fortnight